

Sola Publishing Children’s Message Pentecost 14 – Year A		SOLA 
Follow Jesus		
Readings	1) Jeremiah 15:15-21 2) Romans 12:9-21 3) Matthew 16:21-28	
Scripture Focus	Matthew 16:24	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)		
Message Young kids (up to 3 rd grade) will have trouble understanding the idea of taking up your cross or denying themselves for Jesus. Have you ever played follow the leader? (If so, let someone explain how it works.) It’s a game where there’s one leader and everyone else does what the leader does. Let’s play. Stand up and follow me! (Do a couple of things like spin around, flap your arms, if there’s room you can take a few steps left or right, etc.) What’s the difference between a good leader and a bad leader? Do we want a good leader or a bad leader? We want a good leader. Who’s the best leader of all? Jesus! Jesus wants to be our leader and is the very best leader. We read the Bible to learn about Him and when we see what He does, we can follow Him. We try to be like Him. Do you know why? Because if we follow Him and do what He does and says, our life will be better. Song (tune from Disney’s Peter Pan): I’m following the leader, the leader, the leader. I’m following the leader, wherever He may go. Jesus is my leader, my leader, my leader, Jesus is my leader, because He loves me so. I want to be like Jesus, like Jesus, like Jesus, I want to be like Jesus, in everything I do. I’m following the leader, the leader, the leader. I’m following the leader, wherever He may go. Let’s pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear Jesus, You are the best leader of all. Help us to learn about you, and follow you. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	